



The Story of Abraham and Isaac

THE SACRIFICE

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Read Genesis 15-22.

This whole thing is *crazy!*
We're both too old!

But God said
we would have
a son named
Isaac.

Abraham!... I'm *76 years old!*

It's *impossible!*

My body is dried up! Maybe
40 years ago... *but not now!*

I don't think we heard God correctly.



He must have meant someone else would give birth to Isaac.

Abraham, I have a wonderful idea.

My Egyptian servant could bear a child for us.



Abraham, Hagar
has agreed to
bear a son for us.



So Abraham and Hagar spent the
night together. She conceived...

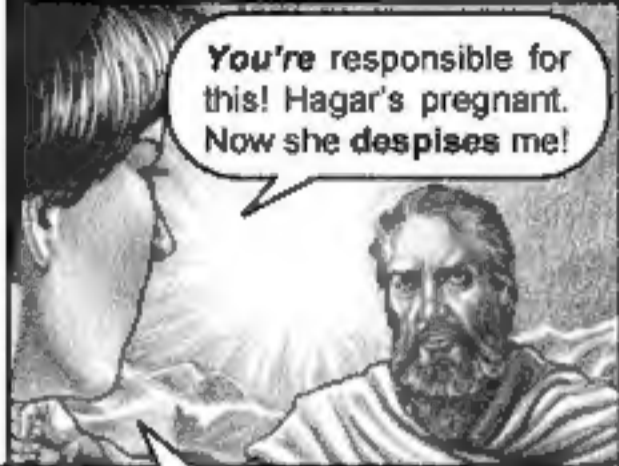


...and Sarah was delighted.

But Hagar got a big head and looked down her nose at Sarah.




Sarah was *furious*... not only at Hagar but also at Abraham!




The Lord judge between thee and me!

Abraham was in hot water for doing what Sarah had asked.

A black and white comic book panel. In the foreground, a man with a thick beard and a head covering looks towards the right with a serious expression. In the background, a woman in a headscarf and long robe is walking away. A large hand is visible on the right side of the frame, holding a scroll.

Hagar is in your hands. Do whatever you want with her.


Good! I'm throwing her out tomorrow morning.

A black and white comic book panel. On the left, a man in a long robe points his right hand towards the right. On the right, a woman in a dark, flowing dress is running away from him, her hair and dress blowing in the wind. A bright light source is behind her, creating a silhouette effect.

Nobody looks at me the way you did!


I **never** want to see you again!

An angel found her by a fountain
in the wilderness.



You will call
the baby
Ishmael...

And he will become a great nation.



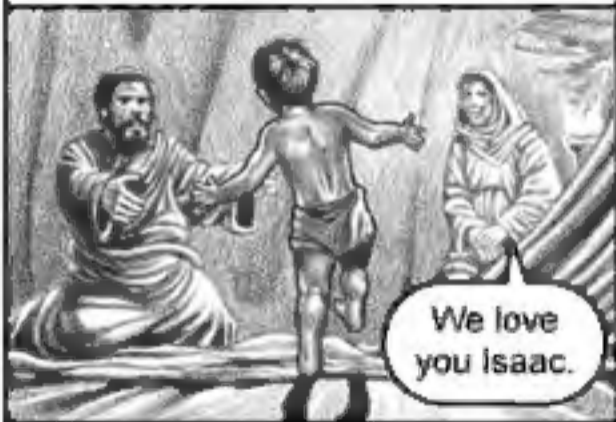
You must
return and
submit to
Sarah.

Abraham loved little Ishmael and wanted *him* to be his heir.




But God said Christ would come through Isaac's line, not Ishmael's.

Sarah believed God's promise and Isaac was born when she was 90.



At 100 years of age...
Abraham's joy was complete.

But there was trouble in the camp.



My father loves Isaac more than me.

Hush, Ishmael.
Go to sleep.

Ishmael was 14 years old...
and little Isaac was his enemy.

Then Ishmael started making fun
of Isaac.



At that point
Sarah realized
her son was
in danger.

I will **not** have him endangering my son!... **Do you hear me?**

I want them **out of here!**

Yes, Sarah. I will send them away.

Abraham was broken hearted... but it was God's will.



Hagar and her son felt betrayed. Young Ishmael would never again trust any man.

When they ran out of water and the sun beat down without mercy



Hagar laid
Ishmael in the shade of a shrub

She couldn't stand to see her
son die so she sat and cried



The situation
was hopeless.

The angel of God told Hagar to lift up Ishmael

I will make him a great nation.



God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She gave Ishmael a drink and saved his life.

Ishmael lived in the wilderness



and God was with him. He married an Egyptian woman and became the father of the Arab nations.

Abraham!
Take Isaac,
whom you love,
and go unto the
land of Moriah.

Yes Lord

Abraham was about to face the
most horrible test of his life.

And offer him
up as a burnt
offering.

Abraham
almost died
when he
heard that
command



Early the next morning Abraham prepared for the journey



He took Isaac two young men and wood for the burnt offering

It took three days to reach the place of sacrifice



Abraham was sick at heart

Stay here with the donkey. We will go worship and come again to you.



Abraham believed God would somehow spare the child of promise.

This was the worst day of Abraham's life.



Where is the lamb for the sacrifice?

Little Isaac never dreamed he was facing death.

Abraham built an altar



and placed the wood on it

Then he laid Isaac on the altar



Abraham was still trusting God.



In faith he was expecting a miracle

He stretched forth his hand



and took the knife to slay his son

Abraham knew it was impossible for God to lie. And God had promised



that Isaac's seed would number like the stars.

Then God stopped him. An angel called from heaven



Lay not thine hand upon the lad.

It was now obvious that Abraham loved God more than his son. Isaac

Abraham looked up and saw a ram
caught by his horns in a thicket



He took the ram
and offered it as
a burnt offering

**Isaac was
saved!**

Isaac became the father of Jacob



who became the father of the
nation of Israel

1900 years later another miracle baby was born. Through Him *all* nations would be blessed.



He was Jesus Christ, God the Son, who came from heaven.

God supplied a ram in Isaac's place...

Isaac

Jesus

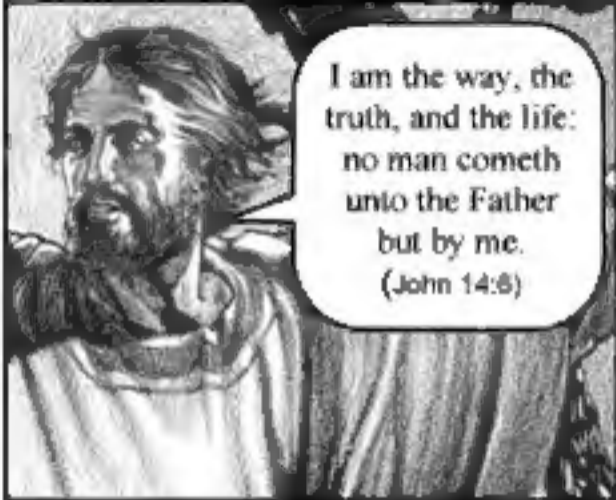


but Jesus became the final sacrifice for the *whole world!*

“... by him (Jesus) all things were created that are in heaven and...



in earth, visible and invisible... (Col. 1:16)



I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me.
(John 14:6)

... for there is none other name under heaven... whereby we must be saved.
(Acts 4:12)



For God so loved
the world that
he gave his only
begotten Son,
that whosoever
believeth in him
should not perish
but have everlasting
life. (John 3:16)

Jesus shed
His precious blood (God's blood)
to wash away our sins. (Acts 20:28)

Three days later He arose from
the dead... **victorious!**



Jesus will soon return in power
and glory. **Are you ready?**

THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU. TRUST JESUS TODAY!

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

1. Admit you are a sinner. See Romans 3:10
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent). See Acts 17:30
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. See Rom. 10:9-10
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Saviour. See Rom. 10:13

WHAT TO PRAY

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart as my personal Saviour.

If you trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:

1. Read your Bible (KJV) every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. Tell others about Jesus Christ.

Here's help to grow as a new Christian! Read *The Next Step*, available at www.chick.com.

